

Identifying the Great Harlot Revelation 17 and 18

Introduction

Daniel begins this reference to a last world empire that will rule and reign in the world. It will be the Satanic Empire that will be the channel for the Antichrist to rule

The Harlot is pictured as riding the Beast

Revelation 17:1 “Come, I will show you the judgment of the great harlot who sits on many waters, ² with whom the kings of the earth committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth were made drunk with the wine of her fornication.”

³ So he carried me away in the Spirit into the wilderness. And I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast *which was* full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. ⁴ The woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls, having in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the filthiness of her fornication. ⁵ And on her forehead a name *was* written:

MYSTERY,
BABYLON THE GREAT,
THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS
OF THE EARTH

⁶ I saw the woman, drunk with the blood of the saints and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus. And when I saw her, I marveled with great amazement.

Examining the Biblical Description of the Great Harlot

When you come to a conclusion about the Beast or the Harlot. It must meet ALL the Biblical descriptive statements given in the the Bible. NOT just some of them

She lives in a desert

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-Rev. 17:3

erémos: solitary, desolate

Original Word: ἔρημος, ον

Part of Speech: Adjective

Transliteration: erémos

Phonetic Spelling: (er'-ay-mos)

Short Definition: deserted, desolate, a desert

Definition: as an adj: deserted, desolate, waste; hence: the desert, to the east and south of Palestine; of a person: deserted, abandoned, desolate.

Our Western understanding of a wilderness is
Sarah Palin Back yard
not a desert

She is Royalty

*** The woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet,**

Revelation 17:4

***for she says in her heart, ‘I sit *as* queen, and am no widow,**

Revelation 18:7

She is both a powerful religious and economic influence in the earth

Rev. 18: 3

³ For all the nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich through the abundance of her luxury.”

She is guilty for the death of the saints

* I saw the woman, drunk with the blood of the saints and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus

Revelation 17:6

* And in her was found the blood of prophets and saints, and of all who were slain on the earth

Revelation 18:24

She Lives in extravagant Luxury

- * “The woman was... adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls...”

Revelation 17:4

- * She glorified herself and lived luxuriously

Revelation 18:7

- * The kings of the earth who committed fornication and lived luxuriously with her

Revelation 18:9

The Beast Nations will hate her

“And the ten horns which you saw on the beast, these will hate the harlot, make her desolate and naked, eat her flesh and burn her with fire. ¹⁷ For God has put it into their hearts to fulfill His purpose...”

Revelation 17:16

She represents the greatest false religion that has ever existed

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Revelation 17:5

Mother does not mean birth
mother but greatest. like Sadaam
Hussien “the mother of all
Battles”

All nations will feel the “wrath” of her false religion

- * For all the nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication...

Revelation 18:3

She is a rabid consumer

¹¹ “And the merchants of the earth will weep and mourn over her, for no one buys their merchandise anymore: ¹² merchandise of gold and silver, precious stones and pearls, fine linen and purple, silk and scarlet, every kind of citron wood, every kind of object of ivory, every kind of

object of most precious wood, bronze, iron, and marble;

¹³ and cinnamon and incense, fragrant oil and frankincense, wine and oil, fine flour and wheat, cattle and sheep, horses and chariots, and bodies and souls of men....

and all the things which are rich and splendid have gone from you, and you shall find them no more at all. ¹⁵ The merchants of these things, who became rich by her, will stand at a distance for fear of her torment

She is portrayed as a coastal city

* Every shipmaster, all who travel by ship, sailors, and as many as trade on the sea, stood at a distance ¹⁸ and cried out when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, 'What *is* like this great city?'

Revelation 18:17-18

The key to identifying Mystery Babylon

- * Peter, writing from Rome said the following
- * “She (the Church) who is in Babylon chosen together with you, sends you her greeting, and so does my son Mark”
I Peter 5:13
- * The early Church understood the Babylon was a code word.
- * The “1st Babylon” (prototype for the Last-days Mystery Babylon) was the capital of ancient Babylonia , the third head or beast Empire.
- * Rome was the capital of the Roman Empire, the sixth head or sixth beast empire

We have had historically a succession of Empires that make up the Beast empire

These empires all had a characteristic that made them similar

they were anti Yahweh, Anti Jew, Anti Israel Anti Christ and Pagan

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*Rome was “Babylon” of the early Church

*Mystery Babylon = Spiritual Babylon. Mystery Babylon is NOT literal Babylon

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*TODAY, the reigning beast empire is the Islamic Empire

*Though having suffered a seemingly “fatal head wound” in 1924, it is presently in the process of reviving, reforming and arising.

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- * What is the capital of the Islamic World?
- * What is the spiritual and financial center of the Islamic world?
- * What is the capital of world idolatry?

MECCA

1.6 Billion people 5 times a day pray facing MECCA

The Thesis is that:

The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia / Mecca is “Mystery
Babylon”